FOR MYSORE STATE

Development '195[illegible]) Department

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Letter
P.O. No. 4490

Dated 1-[illegible]48

[Despatch Abstract.]

[illegible] : WOOD AND HIAR MARKETING : SURVEY REPORT
RECOMMENDATIONS : ACTION.

INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH;
Keeling Road, New Delhi,
No.F45(22)/47.A.H. the 8th July 1948.

From

C. Thapar, Esq., B.A.(Hons),
Assistant Secretary.

To

All Provincial Government and Constitutent
States of the Indian Council of
Agricultural Research.

Subject: REPORT on the marketing of Wool and Hair in India.

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Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the Report mentioned above, which was circulated with this office letter No.F90(1)/46-Admn. dated the 1st July 1947, and to forward herewith a summary of the prinicipal recommendations in the Report as adopted by the Advisory Board of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at its meeting held in January 1948. The Board did not however accept the recommendations contained in the report that mixing of pulled and tannery wools with sheared wool should be prohibited by law, and the deputation of a few officers to foreign countries to study the conditions and working of wool auction markets. It was recommended that recommendations as amended Nos. 1, 6 to 9, 11, 12 and 13 should be brought to the notice of the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce, Nos. 2 to 5 to the Provincial Governments, No. 10 to the Producers and No. 14 to the Central Agricultural Marketing Department for necessary action.

2. I am to commend Recommendations Nos. 2 to 5 for favour of such action as the Government of Madras/etc., may deem fit to take in so far as they are concerned, and to request that if there is no objection a report on the action taken may kindly be sent to this office in due course for the information of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Steps be taken to enable India to establish many more mills and start manufacturing woollens for local requirements and carpets, duggets, etc., both for internal consumption and export.

The places selected for shearing should be absolutely clean. At big shearing centres, like Fazilka, Abhar and Panipat, Pucca cement floors should be provided by the Market authorities. In the villages, where shearing is not a regular feature, good shearing ground should be improvised by having it well swept and, after sprinkling water, well rammed to provide a hard surface.

Instead of country shears, improved scissors should be distributed on a hire-purchase basis by the authorities to all flock-owners. Wherever possible, shearing machines should be introduced. This will not only clip the wool uniformly and give a better outturn, but will also reduce the number of cuts and bruises on the skin.

The simple method of washing the sheep before shearing, clipping the wool when dry, keeping body wool skirtings, coloured wool and lamb wool separate and marketing the produce through some co-operative organisation, should be taken up in all areas where a large number of one type of breed of wool-bearing sheep are available. Sheep besring hairy type of wool, or hair, should not be included in the scheme.

Intensive propaganda should be made for stopping the practice of adulteration of all kinds. In the interest of Indian wool trade, all these practices should be put to an end by legislation, if necessary.

The wool of the producer should be sold through producers' co-operative ~~societies~~ sale societies.

Sale of Indian wool should be on the basis of sample order (c.i.f.) basis and not on auction basis.

Standards fof different types of Indian Wools should be fixed and steps taken to ensure their observance by the trade.

Immediate measures should be taken to exercise quality control on the basis of colour and yield.

All exporters should combine and insist on sales on ex-ware house basis in respect of all exports abroad.

With a view to promoting sales of Indian products, e.g. agriculture and animal husbandry products in foriegn countries a competent officer with marketing experience should be attached to the offices of the Indian Trade Commissioners, especially in London and New York

One or two auction markets should be established at asea ports, preferably Karachi and Bombay, for effecting direct shipment of wool to the consuming countries. Government should advance the money necessary for constructing buildings for markets, etc., and the mone may be recovered by levying a market fee not exceeding 2 per cent of the value of the export.

Instead of exporting raw wool abroad, arrangements should be made to manufacture articles for local use within the country, and also to meet foreign demand.

To find out the nature of local and foreign market requirements to expore and possibilities of meeting them through investigation shoul be made in India and also in the principal consuming countries like United States of America, United Kingdom, etc.

MEMORANDUM.

RECOMMENDATION No.2: The use of clean shearing ground is advocated by the two sheep shearing units of the Animal Husbandry Department. Effort are being made to open a few central shearing yards on co-operative basis in co-operation with the Co-operative Department. This is likely to take some time as it mostly depends on the good will and finance of the sodeties concerned.

RECOMMENDATION No.3: Necessary propaganda with regard to improved methods of shearing and the advantages of using improved shears by demonstration have been taken up by Animal Husbandry Department since 1942. This has created some demand for improved scissors among the shepherds. The shearing machines will also be introddced as soon as central shearing yards are established.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4: This recommendation is advocated to the shepherds by demonstrations by the two sheep shearing units of the department in all villages visisted by them. Marketing the produce through co-operative Organisations will be taken up in due course as soon as the central shearing yard are constructed and proper grading of wool is possible.

RECOMMENDATION No.5: The brokers or the agents who deal in wool are the persons responsible for adulteration and it will be easy to control and to bring it into practice after the construction of the central shearing yards under contemplation.

The recommendations of the Advisory Board will be kept in view and all aspects will be included in drawing out the future programme of work of this department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Fort St.George,
Letter (Ms) No. 4490 Dev. Dated, the 1st September 1948

From

W.R.S. Sattianathan, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research,
Keeling Road, NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - Wool and Hair - Marketing - Survey Report - Recommendations - Action.
Ref: Your letter No.F.45(22)/47.AH dated 8th July 1948.

In reply to your letter quoted above, I am directed to forward a Memorandum indicating the action taken or possible on recommendations 2 to 5 contained in the Report on the Marketing Survey of wool and hair.

Yours faithfully,

W.R.S. SATTIANADHAN
Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Director of ~~Agriculture~~ Animal Husbandry, with reference to his letter No.4710-IV/48 dated the 17th August 1948 (with enclosure).

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Fort St. George
Letter No.106525-E-48.3 Dated, the 1st March 1949.

From

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

To

The Secretary,
Indian Council of Agricultural Research,
"P" Block, Raisina Road, NEW DELHI.

Sub: MARKETING - Wool and Hair - Survey Report - Recommendations.
Ref: Your letter No.F.45(22)/47-HM dated 30th September 1948.

In continuation of this Department letter (Ms) No. 4490 Dev. dated the 1st September 1948, I am directed to state that marketing of wool is not being done in this Province by any co-operative institution at present. There are 9 cumbly and one pole carpet weavers' societies in the Province. These societies manufacture goods with wool purchased by them or permit their members to purchase wool on their own account, produce woollen articles and deliver them to the societies. Efforts are now made to construct a few Central Shearing yards in Bellary and Coimbatore districts and to create the marketing channel on co-operative basis through them.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/ SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

/True copy/

Superintendent,
Madras Record Office